

APPENDIX B

unit of Issue Abbreviations

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
<u>A</u>		
AM	<b>*Ampoule</b>	A small glass or plastic tube sealed by fusion after filling.
AT	Assortment	A collection of a variety of items that <b>fall</b> into a category or class packaged as a small unit constituting a single item of supply. Use only when the term <b>"assortment"</b> is a part of the item name.
AY	Assembly	A collection of parts assembled to form a complete unit, constituting a single item of <b>supply</b> , e.g., hose assembly. Use only when the term "assembly" is a part of the item name.
<u>B</u>		
BA	<b>*Ball</b>	A spherical-shaped mass of material such as twine <b>or</b> thread.
BE	<b>*Bale</b>	A shaped unit of compressible materials bound with cord or metal ties and usually wrapped, <b>e.g.</b> , paper and cloth rags.
BF	Board Foot	A unit of measure for lumber equal to the volume of a board 12" X 12" X 1".
BG	*Bag	A flexible container of various sizes and shapes which is fabricated from such materials as paper, plastic or textiles. Includes "sack" and "pouch" .
BK	<b>*Book</b>	A booklike package, such as labels or tickets, fastened together along one edge, usually between protective covers.
BL	<b>*Barrel</b>	A cylindrical container, metal or wood, with sides that bulge outward and flat ends or heads of equal diameter. Includes <b>"Keg"</b> .
BD	<b>*Bundle</b>	A quantity of the same item tied together without compression.
BO	<b>*Bolt</b>	A flat fold of fabric having a stiff paperboard core.

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BR	<b>*Bar</b>	A solid piece or block of various materials, with its length greater than its other dimensions, e.g., solder. Not applicable to items such as soap, beeswax, buffing compound.
BT	<b>*Bottle</b>	A glass, plastic, or earthenware container of various sizes, shapes, and finishes such as jugs but excluding jars, <b>ampoules</b> , vials, and carboys, with a closure for retention of contents.
BX	<b>*Box</b>	A <b>rigid</b> , three dimensional container of various sizes and materials. Includes "case", "carton", "tray", and "crate".
<u>C</u>		
CA	<b>*Cartridge</b>	Usually a tubular receptacle containing loose or pliable material and de <b>signed</b> to permit ready insertion into an apparatus associated with adhesives and sealing compounds.
CB	<b>*Carboy</b>	A heavy duty, bottle-type container used for transportation and storage of liquids. Usually designed to be encased in a rigid protective outer container for shipment.
CE	<b>*Cone</b>	A cone-shaped mass of material wound on itself such as twine or thread, wound on a conical core.
CF	Cubic Foot	A unit of cubic measure.
CK	<b>*Cake</b>	A block of compacted or <b>congealed</b> matter. Applicable to such items as soap, buffing compound.
CL	<b>*Coil</b>	An arrangement of material such as wire, rope, and tubing wound in a circular shape.
CN	<b>*Can</b>	A rigid receptacle made of fibre, metal, plastic, or a combination thereof. Cans may be cylindrical or any number of irregular shapes. Restricted to items which cannot be issued in less than container quality. Includes "pail" and " <b>can-ister</b> ". Do not use when the packaged quantity equates to a unit of measure, i. e., pint, quart, gallon, ounce, or pound.

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C0	<b>*Container</b>	A <b>general</b> term for use only when an item is permitted to be packaged for issue in optional containers, e.g. , bottle or tube for a single NSN.
CD	Cubic Yard	A unit of cubic measure.
<b>CY</b>	<b>*Cylinder</b>	A rigid, cylindrical, metal container designed as a portable container for storage and transportation of compressed gases, generally equipped with protected valve closure and pressure relief safety devices.
Cz	Cubic Meter	A unit of cubic measure expressed in the metric system of measurement. Limited in application to locally assigned stock numbers used in the local procurement of items such as <b>ready-mix</b> concrete and asphalt in oversea areas where the metric system prevails.
D		
<b>DR</b>	<b>*Drum</b>	A cylindrical container designed as an exterior pack for storing and shipping bulk materials, e.g., fuels, chemicals, powders, etc. Drums may be made of metal, rubber, polyethylene or plywood, or fibre with wooden, metal, or <b>fibre</b> ends.
Dz	<b>Dozen</b>	Twelve (12) of an item of supply.
<b>E</b>		
<b>EA</b>	Each	A numeric quantity of one item of supply. Do not use if a more specific term applies, such as kit, set, assortment, assembly, group, sheet, plate, strip or length.
<b>F</b>		
<b>FT</b>	Foot	Unit of linear measurement, sometimes expressed as "linear foot".
<b>G</b>		
GL	GalJon	Unit of liquid measurement.

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GP	Group	A collection of related items issued as a single item of supply, e.g. , test set group. Use only when the term " group" is a part of the item name.
GR	Gross	- One hundred forty-four (144) of an item.
<u>H</u>		
HD	Hundred	One hundred (100) of an item
HK	*Hank	A loop of yarn or roping, containing definite yardage, e.g., 'cotton, 840 yards; worsted, 560 yards. See "skein" for comparison.
<u>J</u>		
JR	*Jar	A rigid container having a wide mouth and often no neck, typically made of earthenware or glass. Exclude s "bottle".
<u>K</u>		
KT	Kit	A collection or related items issued as a <b>single</b> item of supply, such as the tools, instruments, repair parts, instruction sheets and often supplies typically carried in a box or bag. Also includes selected collections of equipment components, tools, and/or materials for the repair, overhaul, or modification of equipment. Use only when the term "kit" is a part of the item name.
<u>L</u>		
LB	Pound	A unit of avoirdupois weight measure equivalent to 16 ounces.
LG	*Length	Term applies to items issued in fixed or specific linear measurement, without deviation. This term no longer <b>applies</b> to random length which <b>will</b> be expressed in definitive units of linear measure such as foot or yard. Excludes " strip".
LI	Liter	A unit of liquid measure expressed in the metric system of measurement.

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<u>M</u>		
MC	Thousand Cubic Feet	A unit of cubic measure expressed in one thousand (1, 000) increments.
ME	Meal	The measure of food generally taken by an individual at one time.
MR	Meter	A unit of linear measure expressed in the metric system of measurement, equivalent to 39.37 inches. Limited in application to locally assigned stock numbers used in the local procurement of items such as pipe, lumber, tubing, and hose in oversea areas where the metric system prevails.
MX	Thousand	One thousand (1,000) of an item.
<u>O</u>		
OT	Outfit	A collection of related items issued as a single item of supply, such as the tools? instruments, materials, equipment, and/or instruction manual-(s ) for the practice of a trade or profession or for the carrying out of a particular project or function. <b>Use only</b> when the term "outfit" is a part of the item name.
OZ	Ounce	A unit of liquid or avoirdupois weight.
<u>P</u>		
PD	*Pad	Multiple sheets of paper that are stacked together and fastened at one end by sealing.
PG	*Package	A form of protective wrapping for two or more of the same item of supply. To be used only when a unit of measure or container type term is not applicable. Includes "envelope".
PM	Plate	A flat piece of square or rectangular-shaped metal of uniform thickness, usually $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or more. Use only when "plate" (FSCs 9515 and 9535) is used in an item name to denote shape.

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PR	Pair	Two similar corresponding items, e.g., gloves, shoes, bearings; or items integrally fabricated of two corresponding parts, e.g., trousers, <b>shears</b> , goggles.
PT	Pint	A unit of liquid or dry measure.
Pz	*packet	A container used for subsistence items. Use only when "Food packet" is part of the item name (FSC 89).
<b><u>Q</u></b>		
QT	Quart	A unit of liquid or dry measure.
<b><u>R</u></b>		
RA	Ration	The food allowance of one person for one day. Use only when "ration" ( FSC 8970) is part of the item <b>name</b> .
RL	<b>*Reel</b>	A cylindrical core on which a flexible material, such as wire or cable, is wound. Usually has flanged ends.
RM	<b>Ream</b>	A quantity of paper varying from 4\$0 to 516 sheets, depending upon grade.
RO	<b>*Roll</b>	A cylindrical configuration of flexible material which has been rolled on itself such as textiles, <b>tape</b> , abrasive <b>paper</b> , photosensitive paper and f ii-m, and <b>may</b> utilize a core with or without flanges.
<b><u>S</u></b>		
SD	<b>*Skid</b>	A pallet-like platform consisting of a load bearing area fastened to and resting on runner type supports.
SE	<b>Set</b>	A collection of matched or related items issued as a single item of supply, <b>i.e.</b> , tool sets, instrument sets, and matched sets. Use only when the term "set" is a part of the item name.
SF	<b>square</b> Foot	A unit of <b>square</b> measure (area)

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
SH	Sheet	A flat piece of rectangular-shaped material of uniform thickness that is very thin in relation to its <b>length</b> and width, such as metal, plastic, paper, and plywood. Use of this term is not limited to any group of items or <b>FSCs</b> . However, it will always be applied when "sheet" is used in the item name to denote "shape, e.g. , aluminum alloy sheet, except items in <b>FSC</b> 7210.
SK	Skein	A loop of yarn 120 yards in length, usually wound on a 54-inch circular core. See " <b>hank</b> " for comparison.
SL	<b>*Spool</b>	A cylindrical form with an edge or rim at each end and an axial hole for a pin or spindle on which a flexible material such as thread or wire is wound.
SO	Shot	A unit of linear measurement, usually applied to anchor chain, equivalent to 15 fathoms (90 ft.).
SP	*strip	A relatively narrow, flat <b>length</b> of material, uniform in width, such as paper, wood, and metal. Use only when the term " <b>strip</b> " is a <b>part of the item name</b> .
Sx	<b>*Stick</b>	Material in a relatively long and slender, often cylindrical form for ease of application or use, <b>e.g.</b> , abrasives.
SY	Square Yard	A unit of square measure (area).
T		
TN	Ton	The equivalent of 2000 <b>lbs</b> . Includes short ton and net ton.
To	Troy Ounce	A unit of troy weight measure, based on 12 ounce pound, generally applied to weights of precious metals.
Tu	<b>*Tube</b>	Normally a squeeze-type container, most commonly manufactured from a flexible type material and used in packaging toothpaste, shaving cream, and pharmaceutical products. Also applicable as foam around which items are wound, such as thread. It is not applicable to mailing tube, pneumatic tube, or cylindrical container of a similar type.

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>
		V
VI	*Vial	A small glass container, generally less than an inch in diameter. Vials are flat-bottomed and tubular in shape and have a variety of neck finishes.
		Y
YD	Yard	A unit of linear measure, equivalent to 3 feet and sometimes expressed as "linear yard"..

**NOTE:** Those terms preceded by an asterisk (\*) require a quantitative expression which is the **Unit** of Issue container quantity - (Item 9 of section 3.2.2.3.2 and item 15 of section 3.3.2.1.1).